

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2677**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez**

February 21, 2014

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An act to amend Section 8670.46 of the Government Code, relating to oil spills.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2677, as introduced, Rodriguez. Oil Spill Response Trust Fund.

The Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act generally requires the administrator for oil spill response, acting at the direction of the Governor, to implement activities relating to oil spill response, including emergency drills and preparedness, and oil spill containment and cleanup, and to represent the state in any coordinated response efforts with the federal government. Existing law establishes the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund in the State Treasury. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the administrator generally for the purposes of covering costs of response, containment, and cleanup of oil spills into marine waters.

This bill would prohibit the use of moneys in the fund for any purpose other than the oil spill response and cleanup activities authorized by the administrator pursuant to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 8670.46 of the Government Code is  
2     amended to read:

1     8670.46. (a) The Oil Spill Response Trust Fund is hereby  
2 created in the State Treasury. Notwithstanding Section 13340, the  
3 money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the administrator  
4 for expenditure, without regard to fiscal years, for the purposes of  
5 this article.

6     ***(b) No loan, expenditure, or other use of moneys in the fund***  
7 ***shall be made for any purpose other than the oil spill response***  
8 ***and clean up activities authorized by the administrator pursuant***  
9 ***to this article.***

10    ~~(b)~~

11    (c) For the purposes of this article, “fund” refers to the Oil Spill  
12 Response Trust Fund.